

Stephanie A. Deal Treasurer

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# Real Estate Tax Rate:

The tax rate has increased to .775 per \$100 for 2016.

## **Collection Efforts:**

As of April 25, 2016, we have collected 98.03% of 2015 real estate taxes and 97.40% of 2015 personal property taxes. We continue to work diligently to collect current taxes to minimize the delinquent taxes we have to pursue.

Per the County's audited Financial report for fiscal year 2015, we have collected \$1,057,222 in delinquent taxes. This is a solid number even though it is down from the \$1,436,339 of delinquent taxes collected in fiscal year 2014. In 2014 we focused our efforts on collecting older delinquent balances and were very effective in getting those accounts paid. Our efforts left us with a much smaller delinquent balance to pursue in 2015; however, we still made great progress in this area.

Delinquent notices are sent out following the June and December collection periods. Our delinquent collection efforts begin promptly following the due date provided on our delinquent notices. Please read about our collection tools on the back of this notice.

We are grateful for the cooperation of our citizens in our role to collect taxes.

Did you know?

Our annual tax bill is sent in May with two payment stubs. Please retain this bill for your December payment.

# Please resolve questions on tax assessments and adjustments promptly:

If you own a vehicle in Greene on January 1<sup>st</sup>, you will owe tax to Greene County for the entire year. Please call the Commissioner of Revenue's office at 434-985-5211 for questions on assessments or adjustments. After **90** days, bills will be considered accurate.

Greene County has a NEW website: <a href="http://www.greenecountyva.gov/">http://www.greenecountyva.gov/</a> Check it out<sup>©</sup>

Please take a look at the Treasurer's page by selecting: Your Government/Treasurer. We tried to provide information relevant to this office and would like to add additional information that will be helpful. Please let us know if something is missing or if you have an idea of something you would like to see on our page. Email Stephanie Deal at sdeal@gcva.us. Thanks for your input.

Be sure to "Explore" the Greene County Tourism site too: http://www.exploregreene.com/

Our Tourism office has a new website which is sure to catch the eye of Greene citizens and visitors alike. Take a few minutes to look around and see what's happening in Greene. Don't forget to check out the community calendar.

# Payment options are located on the back of the tax bill

#### **NORMAL WINDOW HOURS**

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday 434-985-1456 434-985-5214

#### JUNE - EXTENDED HOURS

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. June 2, 2016 June 3, 2016 June 6, 2016

#### **DECEMBER - EXTENDED HOURS**

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. December 1, 2016 December 2, 2016 December 5, 2016

#### **Online Services:**

Citizens can view tax bills, pay taxes and print receipts by going to the Treasurer's page on the Greene County website. Select the black buttons on the left side to Access Online Records or Pay Taxes Online.

# Starting a Business?

Take a look at the Doing Business Section of our NEW County website to see a list of steps to follow: http://www.greenecountyva.gov/

# Dog Tags are due January 31st each year:

A valid rabies certificate for each dog is required along with the appropriate fee:

Spayed or Neutered \$ 5.00 Male or Female 10.00 9 Dog Kennel 30.00 10-19 Dog Kennel 40.00 20-50 Dog Kennel 50.00

As required by the Code of Virginia, we can only issue dog tags for each dog that has been vaccinated for rabies.

## **Email List:**

Please join our email list for updates and reminders. Please send an email to <a href="mailto:Treasurer@gcva.us">Treasurer@gcva.us</a> with "email updates" in the subject line.

We will be sending an email reminder two weeks before the June 5<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> due dates and the dog tag deadline in January.

## **Collection Action Tools:**

We initiate collection efforts following each due date. If you are unable to pay on time or have fallen behind on your taxes, it is important that you contact us at 434-985-1456 to establish payment arrangements. We prefer to work with you to establish a plan. Unpaid tax accounts may be subjected to the following collection tools which will result in additional fees:

- DMV Stop withholding prevents the issuance of tags until taxes are paid
- Bank Lien allows us to request funds directly from your bank account
- Wage Lien allows us to request 100% of your take home pay
- Seizure of property allows us to seize property and sell it to recover taxes
- Warrant allows us to be given judgment which can then impact your credit report
- Judicial Sale of Property property can be sold by our attorney to pay the taxes